

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I feel that this is a good resolution and I'm for the recycling. I mean I think we need to clean up our state and there are a lot of areas that we are not doing this. It is very important. The Governor just vetoed a bill that is going to add to some more litter on the rural highways, I'm sure. They are still going to be drinking and driving. They are still going to be throwing those cans out there, and we never stopped it, and I think we should. I'm not even going to try to override the veto because I was told the bill was poorly written and I accept that and we will try to come back with another bill in another year. But, I would ask the public to be aware that drinking on the highway is illegal. But, back to the point. Many of our rural roads are just completely littered with cans and bottles. It is very difficult for us farmers to accept that. The government asks us to mow the roads, to keep it clean, and then when you knock out cycle blades after cycle blades and break cycle drivers and you try to bale it and you get some of that glass and tin into the bale and the animal eats it and you lose an animal, I tell you, you get a little bit discouraged. So I would encourage that we adopt this resolution and get more money of the litter tax over into the area of the rural sector of our state. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support both the Wesely amendment and this resolution. I guess because it is a resolution more in the sense of what it is saying than in the particular percentages. I guess what I hear Senator Scofield and Senator Sieck saying when they introduce this is let's spend less money on the grant process, the posters, the public education, are somewhat feeble attempts maybe to educate the public not to litter and let's spend more of the money getting at the cause of litter. Let's do the two things, let's recycle and reuse our resources and let's also get out and actually get the litter picked up and let's spend some time and money in picking it up. I know when I was merely a private citizen back when the bottle bill was being fought, but I can remember the proponents of the bottle bill pointing to the State or Oregon saying the